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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ T: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. JERRY PARSKY CALLED THIS AFTERNOON ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY SIMON. HE, PARSKY, IS ORGANIZING A CONVENTION PROGRAM FOR A GROUP OF ABOUT 1,000 YOUNG REPUBLICANS FROM A CROSS SECTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. ALL ARE SUPPORTERS OF THE PRESIDENT, AND THEY ARE KNOWN AS THE "PRESIDENTIALS." PARSKY HAS SET UP A NUMBER OF OFF-THE-RECORD Q&A SESSIONS WITH VARIOUS CABINET MEMBERS, AND IS VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU DO SUCH A SESSION WITH THE GROUP. HE SUGGESTS 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 19. THE SITE HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY PINNED DOWN BUT IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING.

2. WHILE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT THERE WILL NOT BE OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT PREFER TO DO ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
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WE DOUBT IT. STAN ANDERSON, NOW IN KANSAS CITY, RECOM-

MENDS THE "PRESIDENTIALS" HIGHLY, AND THINKS YOU SHOULD MEET WITH THEM-THUS, EAGLEBURGER AND I RECOMMEND YOU PERMIT US TO TELL PARSKY YOU WILL DO THIS AT 4:00P.M. ON THURSDAY.

3. TO PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE, THE AUGUST 19 SCHEDULE NOW LOOKS ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS:

10:00 A.M. DEPART ANDREWS BY CHARTER AIRCRAFT (2 HOURS
15 MIN. FLIGHT TIME, 1 HOUR TIME
CHANGE, LAPSED TIME 1 HOUR, 15 MIN.)

11:15 A.M. ARRIVE KANSAS CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

11:45 A.M. ARRIVE CROWN CENTER HOTEL

12:30 P.M. LUNCH HOSTED BY JULIAN GOODMAN AND HERB
SCHLOSSER (TENTATIVE - BUFFET FROM 11:00 TO
2:00)

4:00 P.M. PROPOSED Q&A SESSION WITH "PRESIDENTIALS"

5:30 P.M. DINNER WITH NBC GROP, AGAIN HOSTED BY
SCHLOSSER AND GOODMAN

6:30 P.M. CONVENTION OPENS (KEMPER ARENA)

7:00 P.M. MEDIA COVERAGE BEGINS

7:15 P.M. SALUTE TO THE CABINET

7:30 P.M. VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS, ROLL CALL,
ETC.

9:00 P.M. ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY VP NOMINEE

9:30 P.M. PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

4. WE MAY HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE RETURN TRANSPORTATION

PROBLEM. I FIND THAT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS NOW ARRANGED A COMMERCIAL CHARTER FLIGHT FROM KANSAS CITY TO WASHINGTON FRIDAY MORNING, DEPARTING ABOUT 11:00 A.M.

I BELIEVE WE CAN GET ADEQUATE SPACE ON THAT FLIGHT. OTHER PASSENGERS WILL BE CONVENTION STAFF, BUT I DO NOT YET HAVE A PRECISE MANIFEST, NOR DO I KNOW WHAT TYPE OF AIRCRAFT IT WILL BE. IF YOU WISH TO PURSUE THIS, WE CAN BEGIN TO PIN DOWN THOSE DETAILS.

5. DAVID WILL BE SEATED WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE FORMAL
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EVENING CONVENTION SESSION. THERE IS NO SESSION DURING THE AFTERNN, BUT HE COULD, IF YOU WISH, ACCOMPANY STAN ANDERSON AS HE MAKES HIS ROUNDS RUNNING THE SHOW. THAT MIGHT BE A LITTLE TIRING, BUT IT WOULD BE A UNIQUE LOOK AT HOW SUCH THINGS ARE DONE. ROBINSON

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